

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Gary E. FOUT, et al.	Art Unit :	
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Title :	METHOD AND APPPARATUS FOR SEPARATING HYDROCARBONS FROM MATERIAL		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.